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**GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES 513 JOBS IN WAKE COUNTY**  
*Job Development Investment Grant Helps HCL America*

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that HCL America Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of India's leading global information technology services firm HCL Technologies, will open a facility in Wake County. The company will invest \$3.2 million and hire 513 employees during the next five years, thanks in part to a state Job Development Investment Grant.

"These jobs are a good fit for our economy and critical to the 513 families who will benefit from them," Easley said. "We are working with education and workforce training programs to make sure we can deliver employees with IT skills to companies located anywhere in our state."

The North Carolina facility will be HCL's first delivery center in North America. Wages for the 513 new positions will average \$46,660, not including benefits. That is more than the Wake County average of \$41,964.

HCL America was established in 1989 and is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif. The company has approximately 3,000 employees working at various customer locations in 15 states, including 33 in North Carolina. These employees provide application development and maintenance, IT infrastructure management, English and Spanish help desk support, storage design and other consulting services for United States customers. Parent company HCL Technologies Ltd. has more than 50,000 employees worldwide and currently has delivery centers in India, China, Poland and Ireland.

"North Carolina was a natural choice for HCL, given the state's skilled workforce, strong educational network and its proximity to our U.S. customer base," said Shami Khorana, president of HCL America. "As we continue to focus on driving innovation for our clients around the world, we saw the need to tap into the deep talent pool in the U.S. to help sustain our growth here. We look forward to welcoming many local citizens to the HCL team."

The state's Economic Investment Committee voted unanimously today to award a Job Development Investment Grant to HCL America to facilitate this project. This is the 81<sup>st</sup> JDIG award announced since Easley and the General Assembly started the program in 2002, and the 11<sup>th</sup> awarded this year.